

SECTION 00100
INVITATION TO BID

Separate sealed bids for construction of the Smith Creek Supply Canal Seepage Abatement & Rehabilitation Project will be received by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) at the Fred Buck Conference Room of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, 1424 9th Avenue, Helena, Montana, 59620-1601, Attention: Dan Deutsch, P.E. until **2:00 PM** local time on **October 2, 2008**, and then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will not be accepted from prime BIDDERS who did not attend the **mandatory** Pre-Bid Conference. All interested parties are invited to attend the bid opening.

The project consists of a general contract for the rehabilitation of approximately 5,842 lineal feet of the Smith Creek Supply Canal. Grading and shaping the canal will require approximately 5,545 cubic yards of excavation. The project also includes installing approximately 6,290 square yards of Owner-supplied EPDM canal geomembrane liner and 8,805 square yards of Owner-supplied geotextile fabric. Other items include 505 cubic yards of gravel ballast and 575 cubic yards of gravel road surfacing. Lining additional 100-foot sections of canal are included as Additive Alternate 1 and may be awarded if funding allows. The canal, which is located in Lewis and Clark County near Augusta, Montana, is owned by the DNRC and is operated and maintained by the Nilan Water Users Association.

Bids shall be on lump-sum and unit-price basis, and the award will be based on the lowest total Bid Price of the lowest, responsive, responsible, and qualified BIDDER as determined by DNRC. One contract will be awarded for the Work. Bidders shall bid on all items in the Bid Schedule in the Bid Form.

The Project is to be substantially complete within 50 calendar days from the date of the Notice to Proceed. Construction is anticipated to begin October 21, 2008 and must be completed by December 9, 2008.

The Montana DNRC will hold a **mandatory** Pre-Bid Conference on-site starting at 10:00 AM local time on September 29, 2008. Prospective bidders will meet DNRC personnel at Mel's Diner in Augusta, Montana at 9:45 AM then proceed to the project site for the Pre-Bid Conference.

The contract documents consisting of Drawings and Project Manual may be examined or obtained from the DNRC office located at 1424 9th Avenue, Helena, Montana, 59620-1601 in accordance with Article 2.01 of Instructions To Bidders. Required deposit is \$50.00 per set, which is not refundable. For information or questions regarding the project, please call Dan Deutsch, P.E., Montana DNRC at (406) 444-5775.

In addition, the Drawings and Project Manual may also be examined at the following locations:

Montana Contractor's Association
1717 Eleventh Avenue
P.O. Box 4519
Helena, MT 59601
406-442-4162

Missoula Plans Exchange
201 North Russell Street
Missoula, MT 59801
406-549-5002

Great Falls Builders Exchange
P.O. Box 2027
Great Falls, MT 59403
406-453-2513

Contractors and any of the Contractor's subcontractors doing work on this project will be required to obtain registration with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, P.O. Box 8011, 1805 Prospect, Helena, Montana 59604-8011. Information on registration can be obtained by calling 1-406-444-7734. Contractor is not required to have registered with the DLI prior to bidding on this project, but must have registered prior to execution of the Construction Agreement.

All laborers and mechanics employed by Contractor or subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as may be required by the laws of the state of Montana. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Bid Security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Bids not accompanied by said Bid Security will be rejected. Successful Bidders shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Insurance as required shall be provided by the successful Bidder(s) and a certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period of not to exceed sixty (60) days, and to accept the lowest responsive, responsible and qualified Bidder which is in the best interest of the DNRC.

The Contractor is required to be an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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